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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Resident / Representative:

This letter is to provide you with an update on the status of the Veterans Home's efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The safety and wellbeing of all residents is our top priority. The Infection Prevention and Control Committee continues to meet at least weekly to review new federal and state guidance and work closely with the county, regional, and state health department contacts.

We have had no new staff positive cases this past week. A total of forty-seven residents have tested positive since testing started. Seventy-four staff have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available. We will be conducting one additional test on everyone next week due to the most recent positive case.

As of today, 96% of the residents have been vaccinated. All active staff have either been vaccinated or have an approved exemption in compliance with the mandatory vaccination regulations recently issued by the Department of Health.

Due to the continued threat of the virus, please remember to visit in your assigned areas only. 24 hours' prior notice is still required for visiting Tuesday through Friday. If you are planning to visit on the weekends, please call by Friday afternoon to make these arrangements. The number to call is 607-843-3123 anytime between Monday and Friday from 8am - 4:30pm.

As always, please contact your Social Worker if you have any questions or for further assistance.

Best regards,

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